

# CIVIL RIGHTS ERA

## Asian Pacific American Heritage Month



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### May 2011



The month of May is Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. The month commemorates the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843, and marks the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers who laid the tracks were Chinese immigrants. In June 1977, Reps. Frank Horton of New York and Norman Y. Mineta of California introduced a House resolution that called upon the president to proclaim the first ten days of May as Asian-Pacific Heritage Week. The following month, senators Daniel Inouye and Spark Matsunaga introduced a similar bill in the Senate. Both were passed. On October 5, 1978, President Jimmy Carter signed a Joint Resolution designating the annual celebration. Twelve years later, President George H.W. Bush signed an extension making the week-long celebration into a month-long celebration. In 1992, the official designation of May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month was signed into law. The DFEH investigates, conciliates, mediates, and prosecutes violations of the Fair Employment and Housing Act (FEHA), Unruh Civil Rights Act, Ralph Civil Rights Act and Disabled Persons Act. 2011 ushers in a new civil rights era filled with a renewed commitment to providing public service, outreach, advocacy and resource. [www.dfeh.ca.gov](http://www.dfeh.ca.gov).

#### DFEH Events This Month

- **May 6** - DFEH Director Phyllis Cheng presents the luncheon keynote address at Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith Employment Law Seminar, Ritz Carlton, San Francisco. <http://www.lbbslaw.com/event-registration/detail.aspx?id=5927>
- **May 11** - Employment Round Table of Southern California sponsors a breakfast seminar on "Human Resources Best Practices," Loyola Law School, Los Angeles. <http://www.ertsc.org/>
- **May 16** - The new DFEH-UC Irvine School of Law Civil Rights Clinic commence. The DFEH-UCI partnership will train law students to work on civil rights cases.
- **May 18** - DFEH Director Phyllis Cheng provides training to the Communications Workers of America, District 9, Santa Fe Springs.
- **May 24** - Northern California Employment Round Table and others host a reception in honor of new Labor Commissioner Julie Su, California Public Utilities Commission, San Francisco.
- **May 26** - DFEH Director Phyllis Cheng presents the Department's Report at a meeting of the Fair Employment and Housing Commission (FEHC), Sacramento.
- **May 26** - The DFEH and FEHC host a reception in honor of new State and Consumer Services Secretary Anna Caballero, Stanford Leland Mansion, Sacramento.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6 LBBS Employment Law Seminar	7
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11 ERTSC Breakfast Seminar	12	13	14
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	DFEH-UCI Civil Rights Clinic Commences		CWA Training			
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		Labor Commissioner Julie Su Reception		SCSA Secretary Anna Caballero Reception		
29	30	31				
	Memorial Day					